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David Shambaugh and Christopher B. Whitney. The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, April 2009, 48 pages.

The authors examine the findings of a groundbreaking public opinion survey conducted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs on trends in the current and potential use of soft power in East Asia by the United States, China, Japan, and South Korea. They analyze the implications of the survey results and

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"Keeping the Balance: U.S. Security Policy in Asia"

Felix K. Chang. Foreign Policy Research Institute, February 2009, 6 pages. As the economic and military fortunes of Asian countries shift, the United States must consider how its role can fit into a region where the balance of power is being

reshaped. The author discusses feasible measures the United States should take to enhance its safety in Asia.

Full text currently available at: http://www.fpri.org/enotes/200902.chang.ussecurityasia.html



"Asia: Where are We, Where are We Going?"

Richard L. Armitage. *Issues & Insights No. 06*, May 2009, 14 pages. Asia is beset by a variety of problems — territorial disputes, nuclear rivalry, rising nationalist sentiments, and increased military capabilities — that could well imperil the stability it has long enjoyed in the region. The author, a former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, discusses the challenges that face the United States, focusing on the manner in which the country can best meet these challenges and thereby ensure continued peace and stability in the

region.

Full text currently available at: http://www.csis.org/media/csis/pubs/issuesinsights-v09n06.pdf [PDF format; 168 KB]



"Next Generation Thinking about America's East Asia Strategy" Arthur Lord, et al. *Issues & Insights No. 02*, April 2009, 18 pages.

How do American policymakers envision U.S. strategy toward East Asia? The authors discuss the challenges and opportunities in Asia and look America's role in the region, including the importance of nontraditional security threats such as resource scarcity, natural disaster management, terrorism, climate change, and energy security as a focus of U.S. foreign policy.

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"Regional Overview: High Priority and High Drama over Asia"

Ralph A. Cossa and Brad Glosserman. *Comparative Connections No. 1*, April 2009, 14 pages.

The authors examine the Obama administration's policy toward Asia, marking the visit of Secretary of State Clinton to the region as an important signal and discussing how her trip to Asia underscores elements of continuity and change in the Obama administration's Asia policy.

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/pubs/0901goverview.pdf [PDF format; 92 KB]



"Secretary Clinton's Asia Trip: Allied Reassurance"

Bruce Klingner. *WebMemo #2293*, February 13, 2009, 3 pages.

The author analyzes the implications of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's first visit to Asia and the long-term role of the United States in the region. A political landscape that shifts from traditional bilateral and regional security

issues, such as the transformation of existing military relationships into strategic alliances, to economic turmoil is also discussed.

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